Government asked the company to give proper notice and run the trams for another week or ten days. Even that the company did not do and finally the management and the Receiver were prosecuted and punished. The Government also have been doing their best to give an alternative transport by providing more buses and in fact even lorries have been converted into buses. I think with a few more additional buses the inconvenience will be practically reduced and removed. Now it is three months since the Tramways stopped running. The Government are now considering to notify and take away the power given to them and cancel the licence given to the Tramways. Meanwhile the company has approached the Corporation and the Mayor with some proposals. One was for the Corporation to purchase the company property, etc. I had a discussion this morning with the Mayor and he said that the Corporation were not prepared to purchase the company. The Corporation knew that it would be a very heavily losing concern and that they had to provide other amenities before they could think of running the trams. The alternative proposal was, just like in Bengal, when the company is running the trams without any financial obligations to the Government but on certain agreed arrangement, in the name of the Government, to adopt a similar system, in the name of Corporation, and that is under active consideration of both the Corporation and the Government also. The whole problem is to be examined in detail and if there are no financial obligations or losses to be incurred by the Corporation perhaps the Government after close scrutiny may permit the Corporation to lend their name to run the Tramways by the company itself.''

MR. SPEAKER :—" The time allotted for this debate is over. The House will now adjourn and meet again at 9-30 a.m. to-morrow."

The House then adjourned.

VIII.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* *Extension of Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to certain areas of Chidambaram and Cuddalore taluks in South Arcot district—G.O. Ms No. 1769, Revenue, dated the 24th June 1953. (Laid on the table under sub-sections* **(1)** *and* **(2)** *of section 15 of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act,* **1952.)**

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* Laid on the table on 14th July 1953.